The United States' research and education entities are making unprecedented progress in keeping the US positioned as the premier research and technology hub of the world. Why are Regional Bell companies allowed to continuously block economical access to local dark fiber, especially to land-grant institutions, to further these initiatives that are so strategic to US economic success? Why doesn't the FCC have a program to support these institutions in these initiatives? Consider it NLR at a state/regional level... Sincerely,